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TOPIC Military information from Eberswalde

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REMARKS

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1. The schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauerstrasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 troops between 2 and 12 May 1950. Units with AT guns of approximately 50 to 80 mm caliber, and T-34 tanks were observed. A signal unit was also stationed in the barracks. A major was seen to be with the signal unit. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. (1)

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2. An envelope addressed to a soldier [redacted] postmarked 26 March 1950, and examined by censorship office [redacted] was found near the barracks on 2 May 1950. Another envelope, found at the same place on 12 May 1950, was addressed to a soldier [redacted] it was dated 7 April 1950 and was examined by censorship office [redacted]

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3. Motor vehicles seen in the barracks area [redacted]

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4. The Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalderstrasse was no longer occupied to capacity. Little activity was observed there between 9 and 12 May 1950. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was at the gate.

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5. An envelope addressed to a soldier [redacted] postmarked 30 January 1950, and examined by Censorship Office [redacted] was found in the training area about 1 km north of the barracks. A fragment of an envelope [redacted] was found in front of an officers' billets on Boldstrasse on 8 May 1950.

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7. The road to Freienwalde was blocked by a barrier at the driveway to the eastern gate of the Artillerie Kaserne. Each motor vehicle was thoroughly checked by an officer and two men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A sentrybox and a bus trailer used for sleeping purposes were beside the barrier. Another road check had been set up at the western side of Eberswalde on the road to Finow. An officer and a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets were there.

8. The bakeries on Eisenbahnstrasse and Schicklerstrasse were not in operation. It is said that the troops drew bread from a Finowfurth bakery.

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9. A column of 24 sidecar motorcycles, each mounting a light machine gun, and truck [redacted] entered the barracks on Bernauerstrasse at about 2 p.m. on 17 May 1950. Trucks towing 76.2-mm guns [redacted] entered the barracks at 3 p.m. on the same day. They were followed by trucks [redacted] which had no guns. Rocket launchers [redacted] and truck [redacted] entered the barracks at 3:30 p.m. 25X1C

10. Motor vehicles seen at the barracks on Freienwalderstrasse

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11. A convoy of 67 motor vehicles, coming from the direction of Eberswalde, proceeded toward Oranienburg on 4 May 1950.

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25X1A (1) **Comments.**
 A number of elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army are stationed in the Eberswalde Schuetzen Kaserne and Artillerie Kaserne, according to periodic reports. A large percentage of these units, primarily of those in the Artillerie Kaserne, started leaving for the Templin training grounds in mid-April 1950. [REDACTED] Troops and motor vehicles of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, the 10th Gds Mecz Tank Div and the 25th Tank Div were detrained in Eberswalde and moved into a barracks between 25 and 28 April 1950. [REDACTED] It is considered possible that only some of these units went to Templin, while training units of all divisions of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army remained in the Schuetzen Kaserne, which may be the training center of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, as the numerous recruits observed in Eberswalde were seen drilling there. [REDACTED] This assumption would account for the unusually heavy occupation of the Schuetzen Kaserne in mid-May 1950.

(2) The Artillerie Kaserne was reported by the same source to be lightly occupied in mid-April 1950. The report checks with previous information on the transfer of units from this barracks to Templin.

(3) possibly the movement to Templin of an Eberswalde unit (headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army according to the reported motor vehicles.)

25X1C (4) [REDACTED] was on several documents from Eberswalde. [REDACTED] is assigned to the Eberswalde 17th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, which was confirmed there by another source up to 16 March 1950. [REDACTED] confirms the 62nd Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div up to 7 April 1950. The regiment's home station is Kramnitz or Brandenburg.

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